



CPTED

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

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Modern CPTED Principles



- **Territoriality**
- **Natural Surveillance**
- **Activity Support**
- **Access Control**
- **Maintenance**

Modern CPTED Principles

- **Territoriality**

- Delineate private and semi-private space to foster ownership
- Can be accomplished by pavement treatment, landscaping, signage, art, fences, etc.



Modern CPTED Principles

- **Territoriality**
- **Natural Surveillance**
 - **Maximize users abilities to see what's around them**
 - **Lighting, ornamental iron fencing, landscaping, building corner angles and building situation**
 - **Security lighting**
 - **Should at the least cast a shadow**



Ikea of Temple, AZ was designed so the restaurant overlooks the parking lot. Customers in the restaurant are the natural surveillance for their own cars!

Generally – 70% of burglary entry points are visible to neighbors

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- **Territoriality**
- **Natural Surveillance**
- **Activity Support**
 - Place activities so users become part of natural surveillance
 - Do not put safe activities in dangerous areas



Modern CPTED Principles

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- **Natural Surveillance**
- **Activity Support**
- **Access Control**
 - **Limit access to restricted areas**



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- **Natural Surveillance**
- **Activity Support**
- **Access Control**
- **Maintenance**
 - **Designed for less maintenance**
 - **Regular and systematic**



How to Keep a Burglar Out!

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What the burglar looks for:

- Signs that the home is unoccupied.
- Easy access, use the locks you have on all doors and windows.

Windows: Glass is vulnerable to attack. Fortunately, burglars are reluctant to break windows because of the noise and windows are often visible from the street and other residences.

Locks: Use dead bolt locks having a 1" throw are recommended. Be sure to use a high security strike plate with 3" screws.

Shrubs: Should be kept low enough so they do not block possible points of entry or to conceal a potential attacker.

Doors: Solid core wood doors with frames that cannot be spread apart with a pry bar are recommended.

House Numbers: House numbers should be visible from the street, numbers not script, and of a contrasting color.

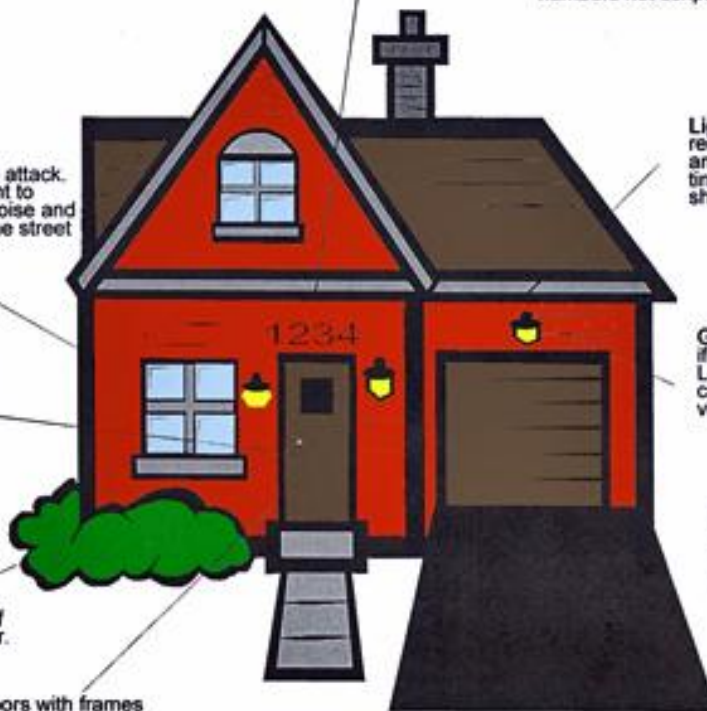
Lights: Front, back and by garages are recommended. Motion detector lights are an alternative to lights being on all the time. Interior-timed lighting devices should be utilized when not home.

Garage: Never leave unlocked, especially if it has a connecting door to the house. Lock away tools and ladders so that a thief cannot use them. Attached garages provide visual cover for a burglar.

Basement Windows: Often overlooked, basement windows should be secured to prevent them from being forced open. Window locks should not be vulnerable if glass is broken.

Burglar Alarm Signs: Be sure to prominently display all signs and decals.

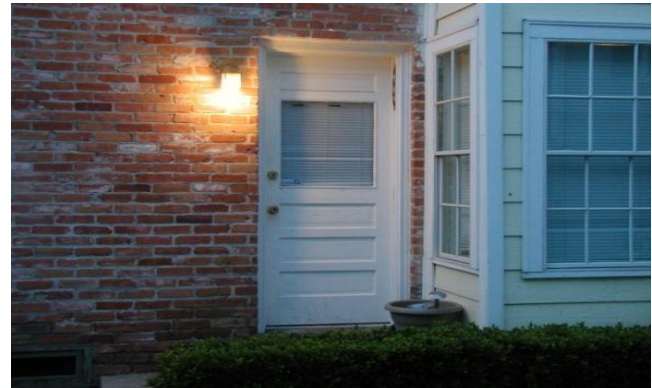
Spare Keys: Never leave a spare key in a hiding place outside your home. Burglars know all the hiding places. Leave one with a trusted neighbor.



CPTED Practices

■ Lighting

- Maximize visibility, minimize conflicts with landscaping and building design
- Use lighting around high risk areas such as ATM machines, pay phones, convenience stores, parks, greenbelts, apartment walkways
- Proper use of lighting reduces crime



CPTED Practices

- **Lighting**
- **Landscaping**
 - Should improve natural surveillance
 - Keep landscaping 6 feet from a pathway
 - Landscaping should not exceed 2 feet (in height)
 - Plantings should be designed as not to obscure your home
 - In particular your front door and/or entry way
 - Use lower cut shrubbery
 - Plant thorny and/or prickly plants by and/or under your windows





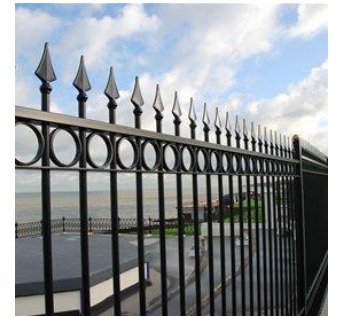
Manage the forest

- Planting should be designed as not to obscure the view of your home
 - In particular your front door and/or entry way
 - Use lower cut shrubbery
- Plant thorny and/or prickly plants by and/or under your window



CPTED Practices

- **Lighting**
- **Landscaping**
- **Access Control – Security Walls**
 - Standard 6 foot block wall fence keeps people out, but stops natural surveillance
 - Utilize wrought iron fencing that is 8 feet high where security is important



CPTED Practices

- **Lighting**
- **Landscaping**
- **Access Control – Security Walls**
- **Addressing**
 - **6 inches high for homes**
 - **12 inches for other**
 - **16 inches for multi-story**



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